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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3502 - 3520), the FCC invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB Control Number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202-395-5167, or via the Internet at [Nicholas A. Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov) and to Leslie Smith, Office of Managing Director (OMD), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), via the Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov). To submit your PRA comments by email, send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie Smith, OMD, FCC, at 202-418-0217, or via the Internet at: [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0391.

**Title:** Parts 54 and 36, Program to Monitor the Impacts of the Universal Service Support Mechanisms.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 313 respondents; 1,252 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 40 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Quarterly reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 151, 152, 154, 201-205, 215, 218, 220, 229, 254, and 410.

**Total Annual Burden:** 836 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No costs.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** The data requested are regarded as non-proprietary. If the FCC requests that respondents submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules, 47 CFR Section 0.459.

**Needs and Uses:** The monitoring program is necessary for the Commission, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Congress and the general public to assess the impact of the universal service support mechanisms. This information collection should be continued because network usage and growth data have proven to be a valuable source of information about the advancement of universal service.

Federal Communications Commission.

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